

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1 ✓ 1. A computer system emulating a television
2 system comprising:

3 a computer converged with a television;

4 a monitor connected to said computer system;

5 and

6 an alphanumeric keyboard for providing
7 alphanumeric information to said computer system, said
8 computer system being capable of interpreting
9 predetermined alphanumeric key presses on said
10 alphanumeric keyboard as a channel macro for selecting
11 a predetermined network.

1 2. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said
2 channel macro comprises alphanumeric characters that
3 represent a network.

1 3. The computer system of claim 1, wherein when
2 said channel macro is implemented when said computer
3 system is in a TV mode.

1 4. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said
2 channel macro is implemented when said computer system
3 is in a computer mode and a video window is an active
4 window.

1 Sub 2 5. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said
2 alphanumeric keyboard provides said alphanumeric
3 information to said computer system in a wireless
4 ~~fashion~~.

1 6. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said
2 channel macro provides the user a list of potential
3 networks based on the alphanumeric key presses made by
4 the user.

1 Sub 2 7. The computer system converged with said
2 television of claim 1, wherein said channel macro
3 provides the user a best guess of potential networks
4 based on the alphanumeric key presses made by the user.

1 8. In a PC/TV computer system having keyboard
2 for providing alphanumeric characters to said PC/TV

3 computer, a method of selecting a network station
4 comprising the steps of:

5 placing said PC/TV in one of a TV mode and a
6 Computer mode with an active video window;

7 pressing a first alphanumeric key on said
8 keyboard;

9 determining whether said first alphanumeric
10 key is a first character in at least one predetermined
11 network station name;

12 displaying said at least one network station
13 name; and

14 selecting one network station name; and
15 tuning to said network station.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising a
2 step of downloading a program guide from a network
3 provider, said program guide providing information that
4 matches network stations with TV channels.

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1 10. The method of claim 8, wherein said one
2 network station name being selected is highlighted.

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1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said step of
2 displaying is performed by providing an active window
3 on a screen of a viewing monitor.

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2 12. The method for claim 8, wherein said step of
3 displaying is performed by providing a channel banner
on a screen of a viewing monitor.

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1 13. In a PC/TV computer system having keyboard
2 for providing alphanumeric characters to said PC/TV
3 computer and a viewing monitor, a method of selecting
4 a channel comprising the steps of:
5 placing said PC/TV in one of a TV mode and a
6 computer mode with an active video window;
7 pressing a first alphanumeric key on said
8 keyboard;
9 determining whether said first alphanumeric
10 key is a first character in at least one predetermined
11 network station name;
12 displaying said at least one network station
13 name;
14 selecting one network station name; and

15 tuning to a channel associated with said
16 network station.

1 14. A computer system comprising:
2 a monitor connected to said computer system;
3 and
4 an alphanumeric keyboard for providing
5 alphanumeric information to said computer system, said
6 computer system being capable of interpreting
7 predetermined alphanumeric key presses on said
8 alphanumeric keyboard as a channel macro for selecting
9 a predetermined subsystem.

1 15. The computer system of claim 14, wherein said
2 subsystem comprises at least one of an internet, an
3 electronic bulletin board, and an electronic gaming
4 ~~system~~

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